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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2002 (paper number 4), in connection with the above-captioned patent application. In light of the accompanying Request for Extension of Time, the response period was extended by three months to October 19, 2002; that day being a Saturday, this paper is timely filed.

Prior to further examination of the subject application, please take into consideration the following remarks, offered in response to the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action of April 19, 2002.

Remarks

The present application includes claims 1-12, all of which were cancelled by preliminary amendment and replaced by claims 13-29, all of which remain pending.